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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**MD-8 North Fork Has Levels of Arsenic
Above the Drinking Water Standard**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results taken this year showed arsenic levels ranging from 12.7 to 15.4 $\mu\text{g/l}$. MCL. This is above the U.S. EPA standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 $\mu\text{g/l}$.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk to getting cancer.*

What happened? What is being done?

Arsenic is a naturally occurring contaminant in the ground water in your area. The county applied to the California Department of Public Health for funding assistance in resolving these problem over two years ago.

In January 2010, the State changed the process in awarding SRF funding. They will be releasing funding in 2 phases. The first phase will be for planning and design work; the second phase will be for the actual construction work. **This summer** the planning and design funding is supposed to be released. When we get more detailed actionable information we will notify the property owners in your district to schedule a meeting to discuss the options.

We will continue to provide updates in the quarterly notices and in the Consumers Confidence Report (CCR) in July.

We will need your involvement and approval prior to moving forward with a solution. Finding a cost effective and reliable solution is our top priority.

For more information, please contact the Special District's Office at (559) 675-7820 or at 2037 W. Cleveland Ave., Madera, CA 93637. You may also find useful information on this topic at the EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic/basicinformation.html>

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS: Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property

This notice is being sent to you by MD-8 North Fork Water System

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Respectfully,



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